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Applicant: Bencini
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Filing Date: April 13, 2000
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Introducing Diagnostic And Therapeutic
Apparatus Into The Body
Group Art Unit: 3763
Examiner: Sirmons

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RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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DATED APRIL 10, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 dated April 10, 2002, applicant provisionally elects Species II (Figures 6a-6c) without traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that, at a minimum, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 11 and 17-26 are directed to the elected species and that claims 1, 2, 4, 17, 18 and 19 are generic to the species illustrated in Figures 6A-8E, 8G-8L, 9, 10A and 10B.

Early and favorable consideration of the application are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's undersigned representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such

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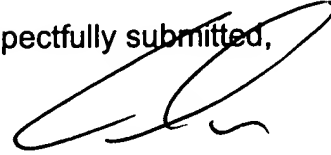
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fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

5/6/02
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